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## WHAT IS DOING ABROAD.

VARIOUS TOPICS OF INTEREST. THE LOSS CAUSED BY THE LONDON FIRE—A STEAMER FOUNDERS NEAR PENZANCE-FUNERAL OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

The fire in London yesterday morning destroyed buildings covering over two acres. The loss is estimated at \$5,000,000. Rumors of impending changes in the British Cabinet are revived in London. The loss of a steamer, the name of which is unknown, near Pensance is announced. She struck some rocks and foundered. The captain and ten members of the crew of the German bark Argenaut have been drowned, the vessel having been wrecked. The funeral of the Archbishop of Canterbury, at Addington, yesterday, was attended by many distinguished persons. The Czar and the members of the Imperial family celebrated the Festival of St. George in St. Petersburg.

DETAILS OF THE FIRE IN LONDON. BUILDINGS COVERING OVER TWO ACRES BURNED -THE LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$15,000,000-SEV-

LONDON, Dec. 8,—9 a. m.—The fire which broke out last night in the premises of Foster, Porter & Co., wholesale hosiers, in Wood-st., was the greatest that has occurred in London since the celebrated Tooley-st. fire. The whole block between London Wall, Philip-lane, Addle-st. and Wood-st., except the warehouses on the corners of London Wall, has been destroyed. The fire is now subdued, but the remainder of the block is still in danger. It is believed that eight persons were injured, some of them seriously. Foster Porter & Co., it is stated, had a stock of silk goods alone estimated to be worth £600,000. The salvage corps su ceeded in saving a large amount of goods. The walls of the

saving a large amount of goods. The wails of the warehouses burned in Wood-st. and Philip-lane fell into the roadway with a crash like that of thunder, filling the streets with burning debris.

10 p. m.—At this hour the engines are still pouring water on the runs. The burnt area is over two acres. One fireman is missing. It is believed that he was killed by the walls of three or four houses in Wood-st, which fell at 6:45 a, m.

4 p. m.—The total loss is now estimated at 6:3000 000.

4 p. m.—The total loss is now estimated at £3,000,000. At a late hour to-night the ruins were still smouldering, and streams from twenty hydrants were be-ing poured upon them. Eight hundred persons have been thrown out of employment by the fire.

RUMORS ABOUT THE BRITISH CABINET. LONDON, Dec. 8 .- The Times says it has reason t believe that soon after Christmas Lord Derby will be invited to join the Cabinet. Mr. Childers, now War Secretary, will become Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir Charles Dilke, at present Under Foreign Secretary, will enter the Cabinet. It says that these changes may be precursors of even more important ones. It is possible that before the end of the next session of Parliament Mr. Gladstone may consider him self entitled to retire, and in such a contingency there is little doubt that Lord Hartington will become Prime Minister.

LOSS OF AN UNKNOWN STEAMER.

LONDON, Dec. 8 .- A steamer, the name of which has not been ascertained, struck the rocks near Penzance to-day and foundered. Nothing further poncerning the disaster is known. The storm con-

OTHER DISASTERS AT SEA.

London, Dec. 8 .- The German bark Argonaut, Captain Bremers, from Bremen for New-York, is ashore on the Island of Terschelling and will probably be a total wreck. Her captain and ten of the crew were drowned. Four of the crew were saved.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 8.-Advices from Cape Race state that portions of the cargo of the wrecked steamer Herder have drifted ashore at Long Beach during the hereer have darks, consisting mostly of leather, whalebone, cannot meat and canvas. The property saved is subject to salvage charges, as the underwriters have not yet sold the bull and cargo.

ENGLAND, FRANCE AND EGYPT.

Paris, Dec. 8 .- The Republique Francaise (Gambetta's organ) says that if the Government of Great Britain continues to pursue its egotistical policy in Egypt to the detriment of French interests France will protect those interests in the way she may

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 8 .- Thirty-six slaves, of both sexes, have been emancipated, and many prisoners have been released at Tantah.

FUNERAL OF ARCHBISHOP TAIT. LONDON, Dec. 9 .- The funeral of the late Archbishop of Canterbury took place to-day at Addington. As far as the ceremony was concerned it was very simple. The remains, inclosed in a plain oak coffin, were placed on a bier and drawn by band from the house to the Addington Church. The service was performed by the Vicar of Addington and the Rev. Mr. Davidson, York pronounced the benediction. The Archbishop of York pronounced the benediction. The funeral was attended by a large assembly, which proceeded to the church on foot, a path having been swept through six inches of snow. The weather was fine. The Queen was represented by Lord Sydney, Lord Steward of Her Maesty's Household, and the Prince of Wales by the Vica r Sandringham. The Duke of Connaught was present of Sandringham. The Duke of Connaught was present in person. A great number of clergymen attended, including all those prominent in London, but they were all, as requested, without their robes. The Bishops of Bath and Wells, Bedford, Carlisle, Durham, Exeter, Lienfield, Newcastle, Rochester, St. Albans, Winchester and Truro were present. The daughters of the late Archbishop were present at the grave. A wreath from fir Moses Monteflore rested on the codin. The Non-Conformists sent a deputation to manifest their sympathy. Representatives were also present from Oxford and Cambringe Universities and from the Corporation of the City of London. Wreaths and expressions of sympathy were received by the bereaved family from every class, from the Crown Princess of Germany to the poor people of Lambeth.

SUFFERING FROM FLOODS IN PARIS. Paris, Dec. 6 .- The water has reached the heart of the city. The drains in the low-lying quarters to find an outlet, and the water has risen to a level with the road. In the Rue de l'Université the water is a foot deep in some places. The celiars of the Foreign Office building are flooded. The Notre Dame querier is swarming with rats driven out of the sewers, and the people are suffer-ing from their depredations.

ANGLO-IRISH AFFAIRS

DUBLIN, Dec. 8.-The Huddy murder trial was continued to-day. Counsel for Patrick Higgins, the the informer Kerrigan was the real murderer. Kerrigan, he said, had been corrupted by the teachings or the Land League, which was the author of three-fourths of the crimes committed in Ireland.

The Freeman's Journal says that Mr. Davitt intends to

bill.

Mr. Trevelyan arrived in this city last evening.

A man named Clark was taken into citstody in Cork
to-day white embarking for America. The arrest is contidered an important one.

THE FESTIVAL OF ST. GEORGE. St. Petersburg, Dec. S .- The Festival of St. George was celebrated in the usual manner here to-day. All the dignituries of the Order of St. George assembled at noon in the Winter Palace, where a Te Deum was sung and a banquet subsequently held. The Czar propased the health of Emperor William of Germany, which was drunk with enthusiasm. In the evening a theatribal performance, at which the Emperor and Empress and the Imperial family were present, was given in the Annitchkoff Palace.

PROVIDING FOR A STATE FUNERAL. Paris, Dec. 8 .- In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, urgency was voted for the bill providing for a Rate funeral for Louis Blanc. The Republicans intend to make the ceremony as imposing as possible. The body will reach Paris to-morrow evening. The President of the Republican group shas commissioned in Edward, executor of the estate, to ask Victor Hugo to pronounce a funcral oration over the remains.

CANADIAN PACIFIC SURVEYS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 8 .- Major Rogers, engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has arrived here from the Pacific slope, where he has completed a survey of a line to connect with Calgarry. He says it will be con-iderably shorter than that laid down by the Govern-heat surveyors some years ago, and that the new pass grough the Rocky Mountains far surpasses the Le ather

Head pass, formerly selected. There will be no tunnel-ling, and the gradients will be less than on any of the American lines.

CANADIAN ITEMS,

TORONTO, Dec. 8 .- The Toronto Globe, referring to a rumor of Sir John Macdonald's probable appointment to succeed the Marquis of Lorne as Governor-General of Canada, says that such an innovation of the constitutional system "is a delusion and a day-dream," and that "a deadly blow would be dealt to the British connection should the Vice-regal position be filled by a Canadian instead of by an old countryman." MONTREAL, Dec. 8.—There is no alteration in the posi-tion of the striking lasters. Five thousand persons are

out of work on account of the strike.

H. C. Brady, of the firm of D. Brady, Son & Co., ship liners, has disappeared, and his private estate has been seized by his creditors.

Oftawa, Dec. 8.—The Dominion Government has decided to erect a light-house near St. Martin's Head, cided to erect a light-hoose N. B. This has been rendered necessary by reason of dangers in navigation near that point.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 8.-Diphtheria is raging to a frightful extent in the settlements of Little Sands and Pleasant Valley, Murray Harbor District, Prince Ed ward Island.

FOREIGN NOTES.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 8, 1882. A dispatch to the Central News Association from Paris says Marshal MacMahon is seriously ill. In the French Chamber of Deputies to-day the Budget was adopted by a vote of 454 to 46.

The loss by the burning of the Royal Alhambra Theatre is fully covered by insurance. The theatre will be re-A dispatch from Berlin says: "The Chambers of Commerce of all the seaports of Germany have protested

against the exclusion of American pork. The Government, however, will persevere in their determination to prohibit its importation." In the Italian Chamber of Deputies to-day Signor Pierantoni moved that the seat of the Radical member,

Signor Falleroni, be declared vacant, on account of his refusal to take the oath of allegance. The motion was appropriately referred.

The election for the seat in the House of Commons for Liverpool resulted to-day in the return of Samuel Smith. Moderate Liberal, who received 18,208 votes, against 17,879 votes for Mr. Forwood, the Conservative candidate. It is generally believed that Mr. Smith received many Irish votes.

LIMA. Dec. S .- A slight shock of earthquake was experienced this morning. . . . The Diario Oficial publishes a telegram from General Pierola, announcing his inability to accept the unreasonable proposals of Chill, and stating that he has deferred his return to Peru until more favorable conditions present themselves.

#### RAILWAY COLLISION IN VIRGINIA.

THREE PERSONS INSTANTLY KILLED-THE ACCIDENT

CAUSED BY THE MISUNDERSTANDING OF ORDERS. CINCINNATI, Dec. 8 .- A dispatch from Hinton, W. Va., says: A collision occurred yesterday between a reight train going west and an express passenger train going east, at the western entrance of Stretcher's Neck tunnel, twenty-two miles west of here. Three persons were instantly killed, five others injured, and the two engines, two passenger cars, one baggage car and five freight cars were wreeked. The killed were Henry Ancarrow, of Hinton, engineer of the freight train; Patrick Geheen, of Hinton, fireman on the same train, and William Cooper, of Fayetteville, W. Va., fireman on the passenger train. The injured persons are B. R. Thompson, of Huntington, W. Va., conductor of the passenger train, whose back and legs are broken; John Madden, of Huntington, engineer of the passenger train, whose had a leg broken and sustained other injuries, but who had a leg broken and sustained other injuries, but who will probably recover. The conductor of the sleeping-ear Cincinnati, of Boston, name unknown, had both his legs broken, and will probably not recover. Stephen Cole, a colored porter, of Louisa Court Houss, was seriensly injured. The passengers, numbering seventy-five, among whom were Senator Wilhams, of Kentucky, and Robert Bonner, of New-York, escaped uninjured. The accident was caused by the missinderstanding of orders by the freight-train men, whereby they were attempting to take an hour more than had been allowed them of the passenger train's time, it being late. freight cars were wrecked. The killed were Henry

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

A PASSENGER TRAIN THROWN DOWN AN EMBANK-

MENT-NO PERSON KILLED. Macon, Ga., Dec. 8 .- A passenger train which left Macon for Montgomery this morning ran off the track one mile east of Georgetown, near Eufaula, this afternoon. The entire train was thrown one hundred yards from the track down an embankment Every person on the train, except the engine Every person on the track down an embankment.

Every person on the train, except the engine erew, was more or less indured. Mail Agent Wiley Harris, Express Messenger F. M. Foles and a train hand named Nathan Wilhams were badly injured. The passengers were sent to a hotel at Georgetown, and medical aid was procured.

FAILURES IN COLORADO.

THE DENVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AND THE

BANK OF BRECKENRIDGE SUSPEND. Company has failed. It was organized fifteen months ago, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, of which over ago, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, of which over one-fourth was paid in. The officers were: A. C. Fiske, president; A. H. Russell, vice-president, and R. P. God-dard, secretary. On January 1, 1882, they made a most flattering statement of the company's condition. It now appears that the company never had a dollar of capital in money in the treasury, and its only assets consisted of a few unsecured individual notes and traces of unim-proved land in the Southern States, to which they hold as towarder, title. an imperfect title.

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pended this morning. It was a small affair, and latture is regarded as unimportant by bankers here.

THE ADELRERY COLLEGE TROUBLE.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNEL. CLEVELAND, Dec. 8 .- The situation in the reach between the students and faculty of Adelbert College, of the Western Reserve University of this city, is mehanged. Only seven students, five male and two female, attended prayers and classes to-day out of nearly 100. The faculty announce their determination to stand by the edict of expulsion of the junior class, and all the classes say they the college unless the justors are restored. Public opinion is with the students, and it is possible hat the breach may be closed up. A peculiar use of the rords "edict of expulsion" can be twisted into meaning in udefinite suspension—that is, expulsion, if the vic-tims do not make reparation in the way of apologies and romices. The affair has reached that state in which he college existence hangs on the outcome. The ex-selled class is an especially bright one, individually, and much sympathy is with them.

> APPOINTED TO BE A JUSTICE. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—Governor Long has ap-pointed Oliver Wendell Holmes, jr., to be Justice of the upreme Court. The new judge is about forty-two year Supreme Court. The new judge is about forty-two years old. He is a graduate of Harvard College. He served in the War of the Rebeilion, and was severely wounded at the oattle of Hall's Blad, in the neek at Antietam, and in the foot at Frederleksburg. The experience of his father in seeking for his son furnished the Doctor the theme for his paper in The Atlantic Monthly in 1862, entitled "Seeking for the Captain." He served on General sedgwick's staff and with the staff of the Sixth Corps until the cose of the war, the went to Europe after the close of the war, and on his return studied with Peieg W. Chandier and George O. Shattuck. He spent four years in preparing caroful notes on "Kent's Commentaries, which were published in 1872."

THE RECENT INDIAN MASSACRE.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 7 .- A dispatch rom Chihuahua, Mexico, states : "The recent massacre n Casas Grandes by the Indians proves to have been a crossed the border, and descending upon the little town, began an indiscriminate massacre. Fully seventy-five began an indiscriminate intestore. Furly seventy-five persens fell victims and several girls and women were carried off by the savages. A large quantity of stock and other property were stolen. The houses of the infortunate Mexicans were burned and the dead bodies stripped of their clotting and lewery. The murdered persons belonged to the wealthest classes, several of the most prominent families being among the victims. Troops have been despatched to the scene, but the ladians have a long start and their capture is not expected.

# HIGHWAY ROBBERY BY NEGROES.

Washington, Dec. 8 .- Another of the highway robberies which have recently become so common in Washington occurred about 3 o'clock this afternoon near the corner of Eleventh-st. and Massachusetts ave in the neart of the city. The victim was a young lady who teaches in one of the public schools. The assault was made by two young negroes, one of whom held the hely securely while the other robbed her of the shop-ping-bag which contained her money. Both of the thieves escaped.

### AIDING AN ART SCHOOL.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 8 .- The details of a proposition have just been made public whereby Association a perpetual annual income of \$10,000 for the support of an art sensor. The plan is to release to Mr. Longworth certain property, the income of which now goes to the School of Design of the Cincinnatt University, and transfer that school to the museum of the Association, Mr. Longworth agreeing to make a new and Joseph Longworth offers to secure the Museum

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THE TUG GEORGE W. CHILDS AND THE STEAM

YACHT IDLE HOUR LOST. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 8 .- A private letter to the Baker Salvage Company from Smithville, N. C., dated December 4, says that the Philadelphia tug George W. Childs and the steam yacht Idle Hour, which left here some weeks ago for Florida, had foundered at sea with all on board. All the par-ticulars received are contained in the following ex-tracts from the letter: "The captain of the steamship America reports seeing the tug George W. Childs, from Philadelphia for this port, founder off Cape Hatteras in the storm of November 22. The tug Hercules, from the same place bound to Charleston, was in the same storm, but managed to get into Norfolk andiafterward to Beaufort, N.C. The yacht Idle Hour left here on Tuesday last, bound to Savannah, and was caught in that severe blow and lost, with all on board, as reported by the pilots here."

ABRUPT ENDING OF A SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. S .- The suit for \$5,000 damages against the Cornell Steamboat Company, for the drowning of James Burns two years age, was abruptly terminated to-day. At the conclusion of the evidence Justice Osborne granted a motion for a non-suit on the ground that the defendants, having an undoubted right to the use of the Hudson River for purposes of navigation—even though partly obstructed by ice—were not compelled to piace guards along the channel broken by their vessels, as in the case of ice removed by ice companies. The evidence showed that the vessel had been running continuously and that no person had before attempted to cross the ice in the vicinity of the route kept broken up by the tag. drowning of James Burns two years ago, was abruptly

GRAVE-ROBBERS COMMITTED.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8 .- The grave robbers, McNamee, Pillet, Levi Chew and Robert Chew, arrested recently by reporters of The Press, were arraigned to-day for a further hearing. Twenty-live police officers were present to protect the prisoners from violence. Among the witnesses examined was Dr. Forbes, demonstrator of analony at Jefferson College. He testified that he had never thought that he could be regarded as an accessory to the body-santching merely because he never made any investigation of the manner in which the bodies were procured. The college had been getting about 150 bodies a year. The students paid ten dollars each for a ticket and one dollar each for every subject upon which they operated. The four prisoners were committed in default of \$50,000 ball each for trial at the present term of court. for a further hearing. Twenty-five police officers were

THE PRESIDENT'S SON NOT ENGAGED.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Washington, Dec. 8.—The National Republican to-day says: "A paragraph is still going the rounds of the press, announcing the engagement of Chester A. Artbur, jr., and the daughter of Congressman Crowley, of New-York, one version even stating that their marriage would take place at the White House this fall. Both families have persistently denied this unfounded rumor, and have suffered great annoyance from ceaseless iteration, there being no basis whatever for the ceaseless iteration, there being no basis whatever for the report save the intimacy and friendship that have long existed between the President and Mr. Crowley and the different members of their families. The young lady referred to has only reached her sixteenth year, and it was not considered that she had formally made her debut in society here last winter. Young Mr. Arthur, as a member of the class of '85 at Princeton College, should be exempt from such rumors for a few years yet."

TROY'S MUNICIPAL DIFFICULTY.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. S .- Steps were taken today for a settlement of Troy's municipal muddle in the courts. The new reform Police Commissioners will present for payment a bill for supplies. Controller Crissey will refuse to draw a draft on the ground that Alderman Morrissey, whose vote elected the new Commissioners, is not an Alderman. A mandamus will then be served upon the Controller, and the legality of Morrissey's title, upon which depends the existence of the reorganized Police Beard and its appointees, will thus be brought up for decision. The case will be taken to the General Term as a matter of form, and will immediately be carried to the Court of Appeals. It is expected that a decision can be had within six weeks.

The reform Democrats and Republicans and the Morphy Democrats all seem agreed as to this mode of settlement.

HORRIBLE CONDITION OF A CEMETERY.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Dec. 8 .- The Patriot to-merrow morning will publish some horrible developments in connection with the management of a free colored cemetery in the suburbs of the city. It is shown that there are at least four layers of the dead in the in-closure: that the dead have only been partly buried, many without being offined; and that dogs have been feasing on the remains of those interred for many years, portions of the bodies being dragged to neighbor-

THE STEINITZ-MARTINEZ CHESS MATCH.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8 .- The fifth game of played to-day and was won by the former on the sixty-eighth move. the return series between Steinitz and Martinez was

FRAGMENTS OF WESTERN NEWS.

RUSSIAN HEBREWS FROZEN TO DEATH.
GRAND FORKS, D. T., Dec. 8.—The wife and child of a Russian Hebrew named Selenger froze to death on their claim, between this point and Devil's Lake, yesterday.

ROLLING MILL WORKS TO BE REMOVED. CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—It is stated that the im-pense works of the Union Rolling Stock Company are bount to be removed to the junction of the Big and Little alonnet Rivers, five miles south and one mile cast of read Crossing.

Grand Crossing.

ESCAPING CONVICTS PURSUED BY BLOODHOUNDS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. S.—This afternoon eleven convicts at work on the penitentiary attacked and disarmed the guards and made their escape. They were pursued by bloodhounds, but they killed three of

and, night coming on, the pursuit was abando AN OLD COUPLE BURNED IN THEIR BED. AN OLD COUPLE BURNED IN THEIR BED.
GALLPOLIS, Ohio, Dec. S.—The house of
Norval Jolley on Campaign Creek, in this county, was
burned last night. The body of Mr. Jolley, who was
quite old, was found in the ruins. His wife escaped
through a window. Her limbs were severely burned and
it is thought she cannot recover. It is thought that the
aged couple pulled the bed too close to the fire on account
of the cold.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES,

Point Pleasant.

CLOSING OF THE SCHUYLKILL CANAL.

PHILADELPHIA, ther. S.—Orders have been given for the closing of the Schuylkill Canal for the season on Saturday next. The canal is granically closed now, but more coal will be sent down from Schuylkill Haven this week in the weather should permit.

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A LARGE SURPLUS OF REON HAND.

ALBANY, Die. S.—John Ulark, president of the Riegewood tee Comeany, to-day suit that at a rough estimate there were 200,000 tone of the in the houses between this city and New York that had not been soid yet.

COMPANIES INCORPORATED AT ALBANY.

ALBANY, Die. S.—The following companies were incorporated to-day. The Phoenx Electrical Company of New York, expital \$450,000, the flux set Power company of New York, expital \$450,000, the Phoenx Electrical Company for Canada, of New York, expital \$450,000.

ES50,000.

AN ITALIAN BRIG LONG OVERBUE.

BOSTON, Due S.—The Italian brig limincolate
Maria Captain Massed left Boston on August 18 for Suyrin
still a cargo of kerosene, rum, etc., and has not since been reorded. She is long overcise.

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THE HOMGEPATHE ASYLUM AT MIDDLETOWN.

MIDDLETOWN, Dec. 8.—The New-York State Homopathic Asylum for the Insue, at Middletown, beld their annal meeting here yesterday and unanimously reclected. Fletcher Harper, of Harper Brothera president; crimeli Bart, vice-president; Moses D. Stevens, scoretary, and U.T. Hayes, treasurer.

EEDGCTION OF MINERS' WORKING HOURS.
SHENANDOAH, Penn., Dec. 8.—On Monday all the collecties operated by the Phinadelphia and heading from and Coal Company in this country will be put on three quarters time. The working hours por week indeed of fifty-sight as now. The company will work over the property of the pr

win wor, every day to the month except Christmas.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF MULDER.

FROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. S. - Edward Davis was to day arrested on suspicion of having marriered Albert Sealury on Seasonnet beach last saturday. He was committed to the Newport laid to await examination.

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SUICIDE OF A MILLER.

LANCASTER, Penn., Dec. S.—David Shoff, a miller of Manor Township jumped from an elevated point in his mill yesterday, and striking an upright board, sustained injuries which will prove faint.

VIOLATING THE POSTAL LAWS.

BALT:MORE, Dec. S.—Thomas Gayle, alias D. C. Clarkson, charged with using the United States mail for fraudulent purposes in proposing to sell counterfeit money to persons in Centreville and Denton in this State, was committed to-day in default of \$3,000 ball for the action of the Grand Jury.

#### A SWINDLING LAWYER.

CHARLES E. POUCHER'S OPERATIONS.

MAKING VICTIMS IN NEW-YORK, BOSTON AND SYRACUSE-EXTENT OF HIS SCHEMES. Charles E. Poucher, jr., a patent lawyer, who recently had an office at No. 261 Broadway, was arrested on Thursday night at the Hoffman House, by Detectives Haley and Ruland, on the charge of passing a bogus check for \$95, on Theodore B. Starr, the jeweller, of No 206 Fifth-ave., on December 4th. In the Tombs Police Court vesterday morning a second charge of passing a bogus check for \$50 on Baldwin, the Broadway clothier, on October 18, was preferred, and the prisoner was remanded for examination to give the prosecution time to secure evidence as to his crimes. The prisoner, who is about thirty years of age, and who is said by his acquaintances to be " very smart," is the man who left Syracuse on Thursday under pecultar circumstances. He went there about two weeks ago, accompanied by a woman whom he ntroduced as his wife, and engaging apartments at the Globe Hotel made a considerable stir in social circles. He began making a stir in business circles also by inducing merchants in Syracuse to accept drafts purporting to be d awn on and accepted by one Henry Whitney, the drafts not being paid at maturity. Syracuse society got so excited that it aid not suit Mr. Poucher to remain, and he made it convenient to leave that city at daylight on Thursday by an east-bound train with the woman whom he represented to be his wife. For the privilege of entertaining the couple for about two weeks, the landlord of the Globe Hotel secured

weeks, the landlord of the Globe Hotel secured Poucher's coat and his wife's sealskin dolman in payment of the bill.

Poucher came to this city and was immediately arrested. His operations here have been rather extensive. While occupying an effice at No. 261 Brondway, he succeeded through his plausible manners in getting a number of the occupants of the building to cash drafts for him. The first name be used was that of Charles J. Deering, of No. 48 Bowdoinst. Boston. As soon as Deering found out what Poucher had done he talked plainly to him, and this so frightened Poucher that he did not use Deering's name again. He then took the name of H. M. Whitney. Many of the drafts which were drawn by Poucher on Whitney and purported to be accepted by him were presented for payment at room No. 11. This became so annoving to the gentleman in whose of-

Whitney and purported to be accepted by him were presented for nayment at room No. 11. This became so annoving to the gentleman in whose office Poucher had a desk that he told Poucher that if any more drafts came there he should try to find Whitney. Poucher took the hint, and afterward the drafts were made payable at No. 56 Worth-st. In the meantime bank experts had examined the acceptances and signature of Whitney, and they unhesitatingly declared that they had been written by Poucher, who is a very skilful penman.

Among the acquaintances of Poucher it was learned that he was thought to be an honest main until about nine months ago. At that time it is said that he met the woman who is mentioned as frazing been with him in Syracuse. She is a Mrs. Cartwright, of Boston, the wife of George B. Cartwright, of Hoston, the wife of George B. Cartwright, of the firm of Seth Winslow & Co., Richmond-st., Boston. She is a daughter of Mr. Winslow, but since meeting Poucher she has lived with him more than she has with her husband. She is well known to many of the occupants of No. 261 Broadway. Since last summer Poucher has operated extensively ir Boston as well as in this city. Among the firms said to have been swindled by him in Boston are Jordan, Marsh & Co., R. H. White, C. H. Hovey & Co., Palmer & Batchelder and Crosby & Sons. In this city, besides the tirms aiready mentioned as being among his victums, Macy & Co. and O'Neill and Co. are spid to have lost small sums. Poucher's plan was always the samerandrawing drafts with hegus acceptances. They were generally for sums less than \$100, and while his victums are numerous it is not thought that he has secured more than \$5,000 in this city.

RAILROAD NEWS.

ANOTHER EFFORT FOR PEACE. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NORTHWESTERN

ROADS IN CONSULTATION-NO AGREEMENT The conference between the leading officers

of the railroads engaged in a warfare of rates in the Northwest, which had been agreed to at the last meeting in Chicago, was held at the Windsor Hotel yesterday. It resulted in no agreement, and no tion was taken which would indicate a settlement of the disputes in the near future. All the persons who attended the conference agreed in their statements that the position of the respective combatants was still maintained; from some of them this statement was obtained with difficulty. The Windsor Hotel was the centre from which emanated reports regarding the situation of affairs in Wall Street all the day When the news was receeived there that the meeting had adjourned until to-day, it did not take long for fresh reports to be put into circulation that a conciliatory disposition had been shown by the opposing sides during the conference which angured well for a settlement be fore the conferences were finally ended. No confirmation of this view of the situation could be obtaine

during the evening from any of the railroad men. The meeting was in session about two hours in the morning. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road was represented by its president, Alexander Mitchell; its general manager, S. S. Merrill, and Jeremiah Milbank, a prominent director. Vice-President Julius Wadsworth was present during a part of the time but he took no prominent part in the discussion. President H. H. Porter, Heber R. Bishop and Benjamin Brewster were present for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha. Albert Keep, the president; General Manager Marive Hughitt and Vice-President M. L. sykes appeared for the Chicago and Northwestern; and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific was represented by President Hugh Riddle, David Dows and General lanager R. R. Cable. Mr. Keep was the formal chalman of the meeting. The discussion that took place was of a very general character. It embraced the question of territorial interests as well as that of rates. No change, however, was made in the presents of views hitherto expressed by the St. Paul and the Omaha roads. On the representatives of these two companies the burden of the discussion fell. The officers of the Northwestern Company said little, and the Rock Island beople look no very active part in the meeting. The Sf. Paul representatives urged that the position of rates be first considered. When that was settled they were ready to take no other disputes in their order. The St. Paul company throws the biame of the present cutting of rates on the Rock Island road—a responsibility which is repudiated by the latter Aul-aportant exception was made by the St. Paul people in the list of subjects to be considered; they leaded the latter had appropriate the product of the present of the branch lines and asserted that they had pursued any agreement of the presentatives, who refused to consider a restoration of rates dutil some basis of agreement or of future consultation could be arranged with regard to the point of territorial urisdiction. They declared that they were compalled to protect their property from a general cutting up of its territory by rival lines, and they reterated previous assertions that they regarded the acquisition of the Chippewa Valley and Superior road by the St. Paul as an net of bad faith on the part of that company. The burden of the opinions expressed by the Rock Island representatives was that it was slide for them to discuss the point of restoring rates until the St. Paul and the Omaina companies could reach some common point in their opposing views. The conference fluality was adjourned until to-day, as that if was slide for them to discuss the point of restoring rates until the St. Paul and the Omaina companies could reach some common point in their opposing views. The conference fluality was adjourned until to-day, as that if was fulled was more of the two nettire and proposition was made at the meeting, and no compromise proposition was made at the meeting, and no compromise proposition was made at the meeting, and no compromise proposition w the Northwestern Company said little, and the Rock Island people took no very active part in the meeting

READING FINANCES.

President Gowen, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, has returned to Philadelphia after a visit of a lew days in this city. One of the largest bondholders of the company said yesterday that the published dispatch relating to the payment of interest on the new 5 per cent bonds was incorrect in several particulars. He asserted that the general mortgage bonds were not in default, because the coupons had been paid up to July 1. The next coupon would fail due on January 1, but until

the company has failed to pay that, he was unable to see how the general mortgage bonds were in default. He added that the coupons of the new bonds which had been sold by President Gowen had been paid as far as he knew.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—The assistant treasurer of the company says that the interest on the new loan is being paid, but that it is not given priority, and that the coupons on the several mortgage loan are also being paid. The receivers, however, do not recognize the new issue of consolidated 5 per cent bonds and say that the payment of interest on them is purely a corporate act of the company and without any sanction from them.

RAISING FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS. The bondholders of the Toledo, Cincinnati and St. Louis Rullroad Company have been invited to give \$800,000 and to fund the coupons for two years of the first mortgage bonds, in order to furnish funds for necessary improvements. A member of the Boston committee appointed to carry out the plan was at the office of George William Ballon & Co., in this city, yesterday, and he explained the needs of the company to such bondholders as called there. It is understoed that one half of the \$800,000 has been raised already in Boston, and that \$200,000 has been raised already in Boston, and that \$200,000 has been raised already in Boston, and that \$200,000 has been raised already in Boston, and that \$200,000 has been raised already in Roston will be raised the the expectation that the remainder will be raised in New-York. It is said to be probable that the necessary funds will be raised without great difficulty. In case the arrangement should be made, E. B. Phillips, president of the Eastern Railroad, will assume the general management of the road.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 8.—The Northern Pacific Railway Company will to-morrow transfer its Casselton branch in Dakota to the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad Company, which will begin operating it on Monday, a spur track of three miles having been built from Everest to the branch at Cassel-

A BRANCH TRANSFERRED.

A DIVISION COMPLETED. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8 .- The Salamanca dirision of the Buffalo, Pittsburg and Western Rallroad has been completed to Salamanea, where connections will probably be made with the New-York, Lake Erie and Western, the Rochester and Pittsburg, and the New-York, Pennsylvania and Ohlo roads. The new line will not be opened for business for two or three weeks. An extension is now being built from Saiamanea to Olean, and from there a line will be constructed to connect with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad at Perkinsville.

PURCHASE OF A ROAD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The Peoria and Farmington Railroad has been purchased by the Central lowa Railroad Company, which thus obtains entrance to Peorla. It is understood that the Central lowa contem-plates a connection castward as far as Fort Wayne.

TRYING TO REVOKE AN AGREEMENT. NEW-ORLEANS, La., Dec. 8.-The City syndicate to-day brought action in the Civil District Court against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company and the City of New-Orleans to annul and set aside a compromise relative to the Batture property, worth considerably more than \$500,000. This property the city consented to transfer to the railroad company, for the nommal sum of \$40,000. The suit is brought to prevent the consummation of this agreement.

THE FIRE RECORD.

FLAMES IN A CLOAK AND SUIT FACTORY. Flames were discovered about 5 p. m. yeserday on the fourth floor of the five-story brick building at Nos. 307, 309 and 311 Canal-st., which extends along Mercer-st, one block and also fronts on Howard-st. The building is very strong, although not fireproof. It is owned by Arnold & Constable, who formerly occupied it. Nearly 200 employes of the Manbattan Cloak and Suit Company, many of them women and girls, were on the upper floors of the building when the fire broke out. They escaped to the street without much trouble, aithough there was considerable excitement. Three slavms were sent out promptly. The fire started on the east side of the building, and it soon burst out of the windows on the Canal-st, and Howard-st. fronts, but a strong partition wall kept it back from the Mercer-st, side. The skill and hard work of the firemen prevented it from descending below the fourth story. It burned through the top floor, but did not get through the roof. In haif an hour after it was discovered it was under control. The water tower was used with good effect in pouring streams into the fourth and fifth stories before the fremen were able to drag hose up the stairways. So much water was used r hose up the stairways. So much water was used againshing the flames that the lower floors were

drenched.

The first floor and basement of the building were occupied by Whitfield, Powers & Co., dealers in hosiery, gloves and notions. Only a portion of their stock was damaged by water, yet their loss is estimated at \$30,000. The entire upper portion of the building is occupied by the Manhattau Cloak and Suit Company, a stock organization the loss of which by fire and water was about \$40,000. The damage to the building was about \$15,000. All the losses were covered fully by insurance. The cause of the fire is not known.

LOSS CAUSED BY A DEFECTIVE FLUE. the basement of No. 859 Broadway, occupied by Edward Newell, a dealer in men's furnishing goods. The stock was damaged about \$5,000. The building, owned by N. B. Washburn, of Brooklyn, was damaged about

BARREL FACTORY BURNED.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., Dec. 8 .- A fire occurred at the works of the Saginaw Barrel Company, in this city, to-day, and destroyed the barrel-factory, saw-mill, drill-nouse and a large quantity of the products of the works, and also about 2,000,000 feet of lumber. The total loss will approximate \$175,000.

IN VARIOUS PLACES.

BRADFORD, Pa., Dec. 8 .- Fire broke out in Habernig's clothing store, in the Emerson Block, this morning. A terrific gale was blowing at the time, and thirteen buildings were consumed. The fire was stopped at the La Pierre House. The loss is \$40,000; the insur-ance does not exceed \$10,000. NEWBURG, N. Y.-Dec. S.-The steam barge Josephine

principally used as a lighter in New-York Harbor, was burned last night at Haverstraw with 100 cords of wood. The loss on the boat and cargo is \$20,000. The fire started near the boiler. ROCHESTER, Dec. 8.—The vegetable soup works of F. C. Fero, at Lyndonville, Orleans County, were destroyed by fire last sight, entailing a loss of \$45,000. The ad-joining buildings were saved by the free use of cider taken from tanks near by, 1,000 gallons being used by the bucketful.

JAMESTOWN, D. T., Dec. 8 .- The theatre here was burned last night, entailing a loss of \$8,000. No lives

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. S .- Henry Waterman's cheese factory, east of this place, was burned yesterday. The loss is \$10,000; insured for \$2,500. Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.-D. G. Tutt & Co., wholesale grocers at 204 North Main-st., were partly burned out to-

day. The loss on stock is \$10,000, and on the building, which is owned by E. A. Hitchcock, \$10,000; Rankin & Lawton, bookbindars, next door, lost \$5,000 on stock. All the losses are covered by insurance. BATH, Me., Dec. S .- F. B. Torrey's brass foundry caught fire last evening, and the upper story, which contained all the wood patterns, was destroyed. The valuable machinery in the lower story was damaged by water. The loss is \$10,000; insured.

BALLSTON, N. Y., Dec. 8 -- A fire at Barkersville last Ballston, at 1, both and post office kept by Nich-olas Shaul, and the woodenware works of W. W. Moarce, together with other buildings. The loss is about JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 8.-Culver Hall, connected with Allegany College, at Meadville, was burned this norming. Loss, \$35,000; insurance, \$15,000.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH.

WORGESTER. Mass., Dec. S.—Joseph Mero, age sixty-three, was killed by the cars at Webster (his morning. A BARGE CAPSIZED AND SUNK.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Dec. 8.—It is reported that the sarge Caledonia, bound down the Hudson with hay, capsized and sunk near Counwail.

and sunk near Cornwall.

IMPRISONED FOR LIFE FOR WIFE KILLING.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. S.—Judge Vann this morning sentenced James Hawks, convicted on Tuesday of murder in the second decree, for stabbing his wife on July 19 last, to Anburn Prison for life. He will be taken to the prison to-day. Anburn Prison for life. He will be taken to the prison to day, CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO BE HANGED. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. S.—Joseph B. Loomis, of Southwick, was to day found gallty of the murder of Mr. Levett, of this city, on December 1, 1881. He was sentenced to be hanged on M rich 8, 1883.

CASHIER GILBERT'S DEFAUCATION. CASHIER GILBERT'S DEFALCATION.
BUFFAL:, Dec. S.—The examination of the books of S. Wright Gibert, the defaulting cashier of the Lake Shore and Medigan Southern Road, show a deniesney of about \$250,000. Francis itself, of this city, and G. A. daight and Carrie Hornell, of Phonix, N. Y., were on his bond, which was for \$10,000.

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MUTINY ON BOARD A BRITISH BRIG.

NEW-LONDON, Conn., Dec. 8.—The crew of the British brig Annie Austin, Captain J. T. Stovens from New-Yors, for Cape Town, now in this harbor, mutinier this merning and refused to heave up annote. They claim that the vessel is unneaworthy. The matter has been referred to the British of New York. KILLED BY STRIKING A BRIDGE.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dec. S.—William Dunn, a brake man on the New-York Central and Hadson River Railroad was kined by being struck by a bridge this morning.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BETWEEN CARS.

PRADUG. Penn. Dec. S.—At Union Station, or READING, Penn., Dec. S.—At Union Station, on the Reading and Columbia Railroad, last night Jacob Groff was silled by having his head caught between the bumpers of reight train.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATION.

PRICE FOUR CENTS.

THE WORK THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE WILL BE CALLED UPON TO DO AT THE JANUARY MEET. ING-VIEWS AND PLANS OF LEADING MEM-

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- The principal work of the January meeting of the Republican National Committee will be to decide upon the method of appointing delegates to the next National Convention. There will be no meeting before January of the sub-committee having the subject in charge, but there seems to be good reason to hope that it will be presented to the full committee in such shape as to make a prompt decision easy.

William E. Chandler, the only member of the subcommittee resident in Washington, sent out a few days ago a letter to his colleagues, Messrs. Thomas C. Platt, John M. Forbes, John A. Martin and Channey I. Filley, giving his views on the various plans proposed and asking whether there should be a meeting of the sub-committee. The replies show that none is thought necessary. In his letter Mr. Chandler states that he favors the plan submitted by himself and Mr. McPherson to the National Committee, This provides for four delegates-at-large from State and two delegates from Congressional district; an addieach tional delegate-at-large for each Republican Senator in the then existing or next preceding Congress, and an additional delegate for each Republican Representative in such Congress-" all to be chosen at popular conventions, in such manner as the Republicans of each State may determine, provided the delegates from each Congressional district shall be the choice of the Republicans of that district in a convention held within the district for that nurpose."

Mr. Chandler says he deems it best that the final phrase should be stricken out, as it would be unwise to compel the holding of a State Convention to elect four, five or six delegates-at-large, and slso to require separate local conventions. He does not favor Mr. that he states Martin's plan, that it is not consistent with district representation. This plan was to have four delegates-at-large from each State and one delegate from each Congressional district. and give to each State as an addition to the delegatesat-large one delegate for every 12,000 Republican votes cast for President in 1880 or fraction over one-balf of that number. Mr. Chandler expresses the positive opinion that all additional delegates should be awarded in proportion to the Republican Senators and Representatives in Congress.

John M. Forbes, of Massachusetts, in replying to Mr. Chandier's letter, proposes a plan some details of which the latter is disposed to favor. The Forbes plan provides for two delegates-at-large from each State and one delegate from each Congressional district, one delegate-at-large for each Republican Senator and an additional district delegate for each Republican Representative in the existing Congres -all to be chosen at popular conventions in such manner as the Republicans of each district or State may determine, provided that the delegates from each Congressional district shall be the choice of the Republicans of the district." The proposed rule leaves it optional whether the district delegates shall be chosen in a convention at home or by the delegates to the State Convention, organizing separately and acting in separate meetings at the place where the general convention meets. All conventions, state and cal, must be held one month before the National Convention, and notice must be given for not less than ten days nor more than forty days in the State or district papers as the case may be. Mr. Forbes's idea is evidently to have a small convention, as the body under this apportionment would not be much more than half as large as under the plan originally proposed by Messrs. Chandler and McPherson, the latter plan bringing the number of delegates under the new Congressional apportionment up to about 1,000 as against 756 in the last convention. But Mr. Forbes says in his letter that he is not disposed to insist upon a reduction of numbers if the Committee will meet his views in putting safeguards around district representation.

It ought to be added that there is no indication thus far of a serious struggle over this question in the committee. The order adopted by the Chicago Convention distinctly stated that the rules to be framed by the committee for the selection of delegates "should include and secure to the several Congressional districts in the United States the right to elect their own delegates to the National Convention." This rule binds the committee to provide methods for district representation, not to decide whether there shall be district representation. This rice binds the cal, must be held one month before

sentation, not to decide whether there sha senta lon, not to decay the strongest friends of district representation. The strongest friends of district representation here believe that is so clear, and the right of the National Convention to legistate on such a matter is so well established that the National Committee will have little difficulty in reaching a satisfactory conclusion.

INTERNAL REVENUE AND THE TARIFF. THE COMMISSION BILL REFERRED TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE-VIEWS OF CONGRESSMEN ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COM-MISSION.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- The Internal Rev-

enne bill, over which a contest took place in the Senate at the end of last session, and which remained the unfinished business at the end of he session, was to-day taken up and referred back to the Finance Committee. Senator Sherman offered the Tariff Commission bill as an amendment, and that, too, went to the Finance Committee. regular meeting of the committee takes place on Tuesday, but it is probable that a special meeting will be called on Monday to consider the tariff and

revenue matters. Neither party in the Senate has formulated a of action, but the opinion is expressed members of the Finance mmittee and other Senators that the Internal Revenue bill, with the Tariff Commission bill as an mendment, but doubtless with some modifications, will be reported back to the senate, and supported pretty generally, it not unanimously by the Republicans. It is thought that the prospect of securing any legislation on these subjects at this session will be much greater by adopting this course in the Senate than by awaiting action by the House upon a new bill. If the proposed bill should pass the Senate and go back to the House, any action taken by that body might be incorporated as a further amendment. The bill would then go into Conference Committee, and might possibly become a law. Without doubt conferences between leading men n the two Houses of Congress will take place within the next few days, and an effort be made to arrive at

some definite understanding on these important matters. Talks with Republican Representatives to-day elicited many expressions of approval of the report of the Tariff Commission and strengthened the impression that their recommendations in the main will be likely to receive the support of most of the Republicans. At the same time many Democrats continue to express themselves favoring the recommendations in general. This remark is applicable to some members of that party who would be glad to have Congress go much further, but who are willing to accept for the present anything they can get in the way of tariff revision and reduction. Representative Miller, of Penns sylvania, while he thinks that the duty on pig iroh should have been left where it was, is of the opinion that the bill recommended by the Commission is on the whole better for the iron interest than the present law is. He is especially glad to find that the Commission have recommended that unspecified articles and wares are to be subject to the hignest rate of duty in the class to

which they belong.

Judge Walt, of Connecticut, expresses himself as well satisfied with the bul as a whole, although he thinks that the cotton-thread manufacturers bught to succeed in the effort for a slight change so far as that interest is con-

Mr. Payson, of Illinois, who was one of the seven Republicans who voted against the internal tax bill last session because he thought the tariff ought to be revised before internal taxes were reduced, hearthy approves

the work of the Commission. Mr. Bayne, of Pennsylvania, thinks it will be advisable to accept the bill recommended by the Commission, although in his opinion some of its provisions are too radical. Mr. Sherwin, of Illinois, and